



IRVINE-LAGUNA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

Connecting Habitats from Mountains to Coast

A PROJECT OF LAGUNA GREENBELT, INC.

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VENTURA COUNTY WILDLIFE CORRIDOR ORDINANCES FORGE A PROGRESSIVE PATH

By Ann Larson, Board Member, Laguna Greenbelt, Inc.

Throughout California and beyond, practitioners of urban planning are waking up to the benefits that come from wildlife corridors – benefits for natural habitats, wildlife, and human society. For more than three decades, Laguna Greenbelt, Inc. and its science advisors have expressed concern for wildlife movement through the Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor – a six-mile habitat connection linking two distinct ecological regions with its central portion running through the middle of an urban portion in the City of Irvine.

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In this area, urban development throughout the twentieth century has resulted in extensive changes to the landscape, leading to areas with significant habitat fragmentation, a development pattern that continues today. After the City of Irvine worked with a local developer to add the central portion of the Corridor to their zoning code in 2013, and the completion of a wildlife camera study in 2017-2018, it was clear to the group that protections are necessary to ensure long-term connectivity between the coastal region and the mountains region. In researching other cities'/counties' wildlife corridor regulations, the County of Ventura came to the group's attention as a promising example for progressive connectivity policy.

Ventura County, like Orange County, has significant developed areas surrounded by undeveloped areas where habitat is fairly intact but is quickly becoming fragmented by roads and development.

In 2017, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors expressed concern about manmade impacts to wildlife movement and directed planners to investigate regulations that would assist in maintaining wildlife connectivity from the ocean to the mountains and smaller areas between them.



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GET INVOLVED! ORGANIZATIONS SERVING HABITATS OF ORANGE COUNTY



If you are looking for a local organization that provides the opportunity to get involved and help conserve and learn about our local lands, OC Habitats (OCH) would be happy to have you join their efforts.

To learn about upcoming events, visit their Eventbrite page at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/oc-habitats-18830776139>



Since 1989, LCF has been working to preserve and conserve lands in the South Coast Wilderness. Their events range from hikes to trail stewardship opportunities!

To learn about upcoming events & volunteer opportunities, visit their website event page at

<https://lagunacanyon.org/events/#volunteer>

COFFEE & CONSERVATION (C&C) AT IRWD COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM



**SAT, MARCH 11, 2023
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM PST**



The Laguna Canyon Conservancy is a volunteer-based organization focused on wilderness parks and open spaces connected to Laguna Canyon. Visit their event page for information on upcoming programs!

To learn about upcoming events, visit their website event page at

<https://www.lagunacanyonconservancy.org/event>

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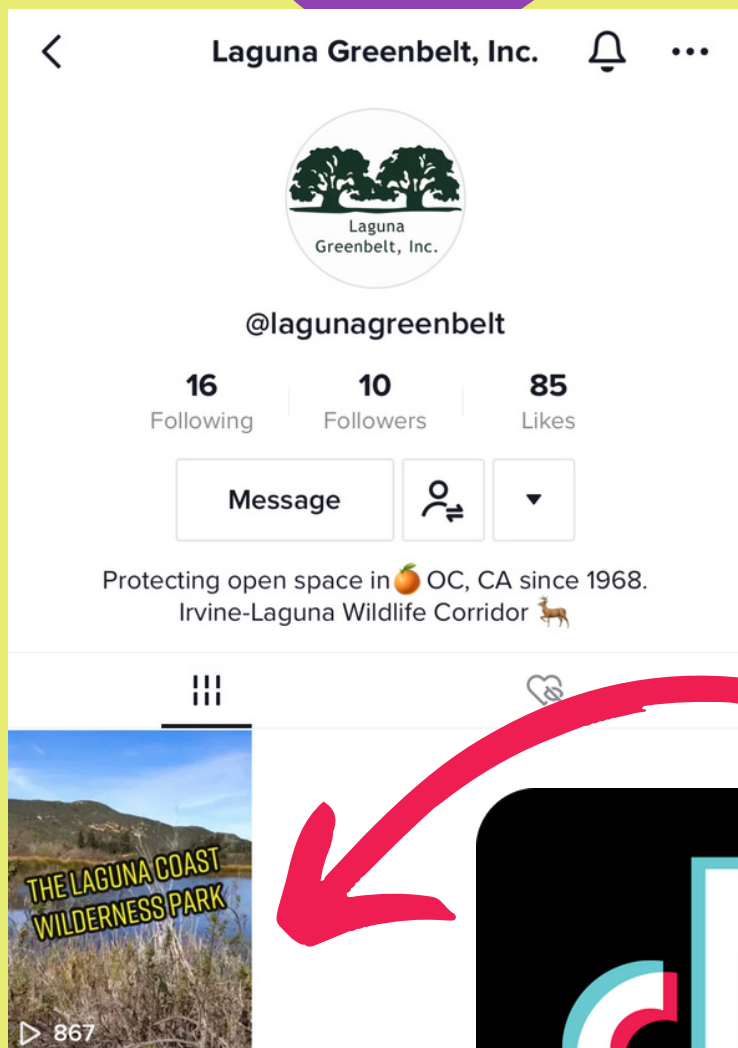
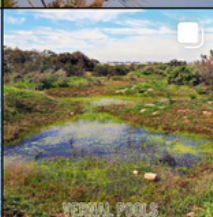
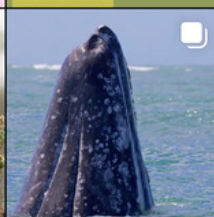
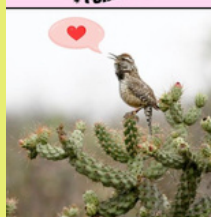
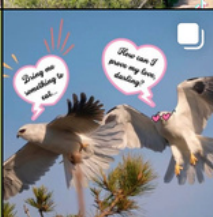
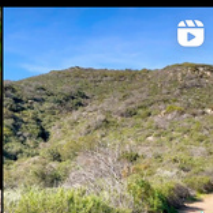
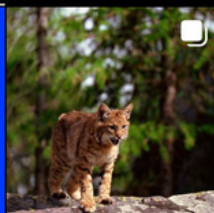
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Laguna Greenbelt, Inc. is an organization based in Laguna Beach, California. It has worked to preserve wild habitat in Orange County for more P.O. Box 860, Laguna Beach, California

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